

## HUNT FOR INDICTED PACKERS

NEW JERSEY WILL TRY TO GET 21 OF THEM.

Caplases Will Be Issued and in Case of Arrest Extradition Will Be Asked—Close Call for One Who Was Near When Indictment Was Handed Up.

The Hudson county, N. J. Grand Jury, which has worked overtime in the last three weeks probing into the methods of cold storage concerns doing business in Jersey City, Hoboken and Bayonne, handed up indictments for conspiracy in open court at the Court House in Jersey City yesterday afternoon against the National Packing Company, Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., the Hammond Packing Company and the G. H. Hammond Company as corporations and against twenty-one members of the directorates of the various companies as individuals as follows: J. Ogden Armour, A. Watson Armour, Arthur Meeker, Edward Morris, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Edward Tilden, L. A. Carlton, Thomas E. Wilson, Thomas J. Connors, E. A. Fowler, Charles H. Swift, L. H. Heyman, James E. Bathgate, Jr., George H. Edwards, F. V. Cooper, D. E. Hartwell, I. N. Morris, Henry P. Darlington, L. B. Patterson and A. A. Fuller.

The indictment charges that the defendants conspired together on March 1, 1908, to corner and limit the necessary and reasonable supply of meats and poultry for the consumption of the people of Hudson county so as to produce an artificial scarcity and to increase the market prices of the foodstuffs.

The Grand Jury was escorted into court by Under Sheriff N. P. Wedin at 3:15 o'clock. All the jurors looked as if they believed they had serious business on hand as they arranged themselves in a semicircle in front of the bench. They were received by County Judges John A. Blair and Robert Carey in the absence of Supreme Court Justice Francis J. Swayze, who, it had been said all along, would receive them.

Harry Lambert, clerk of the court, asked if the Grand Jury had any indictments to present and Foreman James B. Throckmorton handed up one lone blanket true bill to Judge Blair. Then the jurors returned to the meeting room on the ground floor of the Hall of Records and continued their investigation into cold storage affairs.

A few minutes after the presentation was made a capias was issued by the Court for the arrest of L. B. Patterson, one of the indicted men, who, it was said, was seen in the main corridor of the Court House shortly before the Grand Jury went upstairs to meet the Judges. A constable hurried down to take Mr. Patterson into custody but he had disappeared.

Prosecutor of the Pleas Pierre P. Garven, who has engineered the cold storage investigation, said last evening that he will proceed as speedily as possible to get the defendants within the jurisdiction of the court so that he may go ahead with the trials. He explained that the usual course will be followed as in the case of all persons indicted for misdemeanors. Exemplified copies of the indictment will be sent with capias to the chiefs of police in the several cities in which the indicted directors live with requests that the defendants be taken into custody forthwith. Extradition proceedings will then be instituted for the purpose of compelling the defendants to travel to Hudson county to face the indictments. The prosecutor is fully aware that he will have a hard contract on his hands to get the defendants within New Jersey territory, as they will strenuously resist being taken to Jersey City as prisoners.

The indictment sets forth that the defendants "with force and arms" in Jersey City on March 1, 1908, did "wilfully, unlawfully, immorally, fraudulently, extortionately, knowingly and corruptly combine, unite, confederate, conspire and bind themselves together by agreement for their own unjust, excessive, extortionate, exorbitant, immoral and unlawful gain and profit, by the power of their numbers and wealth, and their greed and cunning, and their divers subtle, immoral, dishonest, collusive, coercive and unlawful contrivances, methods and compacts between and among themselves, to acquire, possess, maintain and exercise control over and a monopoly of the meat and poultry supply of the public and the people of Jersey City, and of the county of Hudson aforesaid." Also that having secured the monopoly, the defendants agreed to raise prices and produce an apparent scarcity in the markets.

Among those who appeared before the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon in response to subpoenas were E. Butler, freight agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad; King Waterhouse, freight agent of the Jersey Central Railroad at Bayonne; F. J. Bauer, freight agent of the Erie Railroad; Thomas Haring, freight agent of the Lackawanna Railroad; P. J. Wilson, manager, Morris Company, Bayonne; E. H. Comber, manager, Swift & Co., Bayonne; Richard Dunn, manager, Armour & Co., 608 Henderson street, Jersey City; John Westervelt, manager, Armour & Co.'s branch, Fourth and Henderson streets, Jersey City; J. M. Kline, manager, Armour & Co., 408 and 410 Henderson street, Jersey City; William Whiting, manager, Hammond Company, Hoboken; M. Kleebatt, manager, Schwarzschild & Silberberg Company, Jersey City; George Huyler, president of Penn Produce Company, Jersey City; Thomas Nolan, manager, Payne Beef Company, 603 and 605 Henderson street, Jersey City, and officers of the Corporation Trust Company of New Jersey, an incorporating agency at 15 Exchange place, Jersey City, New Jersey agent of the National Packing Company, and others of the indicted corporations.

Most of the witnesses were under subpoena to produce books and records desired by Prosecutor Garven in his investigations. Garven impounded some of the documents and returned others for which he had no use. The Corporation Trust Company simply produced the stock and transfer books of the companies which it represents, the officers claiming that these are the only records which as registered agent it is obliged to keep on file.

## MRS. BENJ. FLAGLER KILLED.

Her Automobile Struck by a Railroad Train Near Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 25.—A New York Central passenger train going at sixty miles an hour over a grade crossing in Gratiot, half way between Niagara Falls and Buffalo, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon killed Mrs. Martha Flagler, widow of Benjamin Flagler, and so badly injured Mrs. Morris Cohn and Mrs. George F. Nye that if one or both do not die they may never fully recover from the effects of the frightful collision between Mrs. Flagler's automobile and the train. Mrs. Nye, thirty-five years old, was only slightly hurt. Chauffeur William McPhee escaped in a similar manner, being only slightly out.

McPhee has driven for Mrs. Flagler for months. He is a careful man, but he says that he heard no bell, no whistle; all he knows is that they were struck. Where the train came from he has no idea as a small building close by the track obstructed his view. The automobile was swept along by the train more than 150 feet. Mrs. Cohn, Mrs. Nye, Miss Nye and Driver McPhee were thrown out and hurled to the snowbanks, but Mrs. Flagler was killed when the train struck the machine, her skull having been crushed.

The train stopped and picked up all the bodies. Mrs. Flagler was picked up and carried to a hospital. The train was stopped on the track on arrival in Niagara Falls. Mrs. Nye and Mrs. Cohn were hurried to the hospital but Mrs. Flagler's body was left awaiting a coroner's permission of removal. Coroner Scott of this city is in Albany, and Coroner Martin of North Tonawanda had to be found. The delay was painful, but finally the body was taken to a local undertaker's.

Mrs. Flagler was a very wealthy woman about 78 years old. Mrs. Cohn and Mrs. Nye are daughters of Col. Charles B. Gaskill. Both are socially prominent.

## HELD FOR RANSOM IN NEW YORK

Charles K. Davenport's Aunt Says He Is in the Hands of Kidnappers.

MILFORD, Mass., Feb. 25.—According to Mrs. Albert C. Kenney, her nephew, Charles K. Davenport, Jr., of Springfield, is held for ransom by a band of kidnapers in New York.

Davenport, who is a salesman for the Worthing Paper Company of West Springfield, went to New York to attend a dinner on the night of February 2. The next night he dropped out of sight, and as he failed to return to Springfield when expected the New York police were asked to hunt him up.

Mrs. Kenney said to-day: "I learned to-day that my nephew has been held for ransom by a band of professional kidnapers who made a formal demand for ransom about a week ago. Mr. Davenport's father started on Sunday from Minneapolis for New York with the sum demanded. What the amount is I do not know."

The New York police have heard nothing of the alleged kidnapping. They were asked on February 15 to look for Davenport, but have found no clue to him.

## PATIENT A SUICIDE

Woman Who Called to Consult Doctor Drank Acid She Found in Office.

A young woman known only as Agnes Reilly drank eight ounces of carbolic acid last night at the office of Dr. H. R. Purdy, 149 Lexington avenue. She died soon after being taken to Bellevue Hospital.

With a month old baby in her arms she called on the doctor and told him that she was ill. While talking with Dr. Purdy she became nauseated and the physician directed her to his operating room. It was there that she found the carbolic acid. Dr. Purdy heard a noise in the operating room and went in. He opened the door while the woman still had the bottle to her lips, but she had swallowed half of its contents before Dr. Purdy could take it from her.

## MORE GIRLS WANT TO STRIKE

White Goods Workers Union Preparing to Demand More Wages.

Following the example of the other clothing trades which are preparing to strike the White Goods Workers Union decided yesterday at a meeting attended by about three thousand members, mostly girls, to organize the trade in order to make a general demand, to be enforced by a strike for higher wages. The meeting was held at Clinton Hall, 151 Clinton street. It was announced that some of the other unions which have gone through strikes, including the Waist Makers Union, are contributing to a strike fund for the white goods workers, of whom there are 8,000 in the city. The members of the White Goods Workers Union are also being assessed for the fund.

The movement for a general strike was the result of individual strikes of the workers against several employers for higher wages. Benjamin Frieswasser, general organizer for the trade, said last night that there are 5,000 of the white goods workers in the union and organizers will be sent to enroll the others in preparation for the strike. The demands will be an increase in wages, a fifty-two hour working week and better working conditions.

## PREACHER SUSPECTS ROLLS.

Jersey Health Board Will See Whether White Stuff on Them Is Flour.

The health authorities of Irvington, N. J., yesterday sent to the New Jersey State Board of Health at Trenton a bag of rolls which had been delivered at the home of the Rev. Frederick E. Voegelin of 417 Fourteenth avenue, Irvington, where the Manhattan Park German Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Voegelin took the rolls to the Irvington police station and said his wife found them in a bag on the front porch, where they had been left by a baker on Wednesday morning. The rolls, he explained, were covered with a thick white substance which was so unlike flour as to arouse his suspicion. The clerkman took the rolls to William Saul, a druggist in South Orange avenue, Newark. The druggist said that while the powder might be poison an analysis would have to be made to determine.

## COLUMBIA DEFEATED IN DEBATE.

The debating team of the University of Pennsylvania defeated the Columbia debaters last night in Horace Mann Auditorium.

The Pennsylvania men had the negative side of the question, "Resolved, that a commission form of government should be adopted by the municipalities of the United States."

## RAILROADS CAN'T PAY MORE

ANSWER OF COMPANIES TO WAGE INCREASE DEMAND.

Freights Have Gone Down Year by Year and Prices of Materials Have Gone Up—Good Wages Paid Now—B. & O. Men Voting on the Strike Question.

The Eastern railroads affected by the demands of the trainmen and conductors for a new wage schedule calling for increases in wages ranging from 10 to 30 per cent., which the companies have declined to grant, issued a pamphlet yesterday giving reasons why they could not grant the increases demanded.

The demands were presented to the officials of the railroads in the early part of January and were refused with a counter proposition to hold conferences with representatives of the trainmen and conductors. One or two of the roads have held such conferences. The men on the other roads have not yet conferred with the officials. They are expected to do so when they are authorized by the grand lodges of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors.

The trainmen and conductors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have failed to reach an agreement with the company after Grand Masters Lee and Garretson of the trainmen and conductors respectively have tried unsuccessfully to come to a settlement. A strike vote is being taken among the men on that system by a secret ballot. After the vote is taken, in case it calls for a strike, the grand officers will make a final effort to bring about a settlement. If this fails and the strike is declared it cannot be effective until it receives the sanction of the grand officers.

A representative of the legislative committee of the Federation of Railroad Brotherhoods, who left this city yesterday for Baltimore to assist in counting the ballots, said that 3,000 trainmen and conductors will be affected by the strike if one comes. The announcement of the vote will probably be made on Tuesday.

On behalf of the Eastern railroads this statement was issued last evening giving the gist of the reasons mentioned in the pamphlet why the advances demanded cannot be granted:

The position of the railroads is that in the face of a steady decline in rates and a steady advance in wages of railway employees they are not able to grant general wage increases in addition to those already made. There were general increases in the latter part of 1908 and the early part of 1907, and there was no subsequent decrease in the wage rate. Railroads, lumber, and other industries at the time of the 1907 panic.

A statement by Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, July, 1908, is quoted. Mr. Knapp said: "Partly because of the strength of railway labor organizations, which for the most part have been prudently managed by astute and able leaders, the general scale of wages in railway employ is the highest in any of our industries at the time of the 1907 panic."

While freight rates have declined year by year the price of everything a railroad buys has gone up. Thus the railroads have not contributed to the rise in prices but have suffered seriously from it. Fuel is quoted as being materially higher than in corresponding private pursuits. I congratulate our railway friend and the country at large that means have been devised for carrying this great industry over this critical period without attempting a reduction in wages of railway employees.

The price of labor has moved upward along with all other prices, periodical advances in wages having been made by the railroads. The average yearly earnings of railroad employees, including laborers, according to the latest report issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission amount to \$611. The average yearly earnings of trainmen and conductors on the Eastern railroads, according to the same report, are \$608. Skilled workmen in other industries, according to the report of the Massachusetts State Labor Bureau, earned the following average in 1907:

Boots and shoes	350.34
Carpeting	457.50
Cotton goods	442.32
Dyeing and finishing	452.12
Metals and metallic goods	500.30
Leather	520.32
Paper	497.22
Woolen goods	463.25
Wool and hair	578.53

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—After a long session of the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen employed on the Vandallia branch of the Pennsylvania lines, the committee to-day presented a demand for an increase in wages of 5 per cent. and uniform working conditions.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 25.—The annual conference between the master mechanic of the Seaboard Air Line and the wage adjustment committee representing the skilled trades employed by the road ended to-day. As a result all trades have received increases of 2½ cents an hour commencing March 1.

Three thousand men are affected.

## DIED ON STATION PLATFORM.

Sigourney M. Burnham Stricken as He Was Boarding Elevated Train.

Sigourney M. Burnham, who has been stopping at 35 West Fort ninth street, died last night on the downtown platform of the Sixth avenue elevated station at Forty-second street.

With Mr. Burnham was Mary E. Hinds of 215 West Fourth street, who claimed to be a friend of his family. She said that Mr. Burnham's wife and stepdaughter, Miss Keene, were attending the body was taken to the Tenderloin police station. In Mr. Burnham's pockets were found a receipted tax bill made out to L. Burnham for property at 158-154 West Twenty-seventh street.

Miss Keene, who came to the police station later, said that Mr. Burnham was 28 years old. They were spending the winter in New York and came here from Connecticut, she said.

## Black Eyed Susan Maryland's State Flower.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 25.—By the votes of over 200,000 public school children and the approval of the State Board of Education the black eyed Susan has been selected as Maryland's State flower.

## MME. MAZARIN IN COURT.

Magistrate Buys Her Flowers and Aids in a Compromise.

Mme. Mazarin, who created Elektra in this country, was in the night court last night to try to get Magistrate Barlow to do something in the way of helping her to get eight trunks of hers which Mme. L. Bois, a boarding house keeper at 20 East Twenty-eighth street, was holding.

According to Mme. Mazarin and her counsel, Maurice Leon, attorney to the French Consulate here, she recently left Mme. Bois's house and the latter refused to let her take away the trunks. Mme. Bois, who came to the court on a summons, said this was true, but that she was holding the trunks only to enforce a verbal contract which Mme. Mazarin had made with her by which Mme. Mazarin was to have two rooms, a bath, and a maid's room in the pension of Mme. Bois as long as the opera season should last. The season, Mme. Bois had been told, would run into April, and she figured that Mme. Mazarin owed her on this contract at least four weeks rent, which would be \$120.

Magistrate Barlow suggested that Mme. Bois would have to sue in a civil court, and the singer and the boarding house keeper and their lawyers went into a side room and signed an agreement whereby, should Mme. Mazarin lose the civil case, M. Leon is to accept responsibility for the payment of the money. Meanwhile Mme. Mazarin is to get her trunks right away.

While the singer and her lawyer were waiting for Mme. Bois to come to the court they sat on the bench with the Magistrate. Four Greek flower peddlers were brought in who had been arrested for selling flowers without licenses. The Magistrate reached down a quarter to one of the peddlers, selected a bunch of violets and presented it to Mme. Mazarin. Then he heard the case against the peddlers and fined them \$2 each.

## BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Says Irregularities Are the Result of Absconding Nephew's Shortage.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—Alleged irregularities of nearly \$100,000 in the books of the Bank of Holyrood, at Holyrood, Kan., resulted in the arrest here to-day of Byron E. Church, for twenty years the bank's president.

Church came to Kansas City three days ago and was found at the Orient Hotel.

Ray Church, 26 years old, a son of the ex-bank president, was arrested with him, but was released. A well known banker, who served as cashier of the bank, is wanted.

Byron Church in a statement made at police headquarters said that twenty years ago he got control of the town bank. "A nephew of mine, W. E. Thomas, was made cashier," he said. "Three years ago I found that my nephew had been backing the grain market and that he was \$65,000 short. He ran away and I made the shortage good out of my own pocket. Then I installed my son, Maxwell Church, as cashier."

About three months ago an old certificate of deposit issued by my nephew three years ago came back to the bank and showed my son and I that there was a further shortage, not apparent when my nephew absconded, of \$15,000. "This amount I also made good. I know of no other irregularities."

## INTEREST IN NORTON DIVORCE.

Case of Separation Still an Unexplained Mystery.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 25.—Society to-day is discussing with interest the divorce granted here yesterday to Mrs. Edith White Norton, a daughter of Prof. John Williams White of Harvard University, from Richard Norton, son of the late Prof. Charles Eliot Norton. Their wedding in June, 1906, was one of the social events of the year.

The cause of the separation which led up to the divorce is a mystery. The granting of the divorce followed a formal admission by Mr. Norton, now in London, that he had left his wife four years ago and that he had refused to live with her. He admitted that the separation was due to no misconduct on the part of Mrs. Norton.

The divorce was granted on the grounds of the desertion and was not contested. The Nortons have one child, and the questions of custody and alimony will be taken up later.

After the marriage of the Nortons Mr. Norton became a director of the American School of Archaeology at Rome and also represented the Boston Museum of Fine Arts abroad.

At the close of the school in June of 1906 Mr. Norton for some reason not made public announced to his wife that he no longer cared to live with her. He broke up the home in which they had been living and refused to make further provisions for her.

## SENTENCED TO SOBRIETY.

Lyons Must Stay Sober for 25 Years—Pal Goes to Sing Sing

Two self-confessed burglars received twenty-five years each yesterday in General Sessions, one of them to twenty-five years imprisonment and the other to the same period of abstinence. The first one had a record and admitted that he was responsible for the crime, and the other had no record and admitted that he was drunk and irresponsible.

The drugstore of Robinson & Bernstein at 785 Columbus avenue was broken into on January 16. Patrick McCarthy of 84 Perry street was the man who was helped through the transom by Michael Lyons of 321 West Eleventh street. Lasarus Bresler, the night clerk, woke up in time to get McCarthy as he landed inside. He didn't take Lyons for two policemen to get there and the two were arrested.

One of the policemen recognized Lyons as a man who had asked him where he could get a drink a few moments before. Lyons said that he had repeated the question to McCarthy, who had suggested the drugstore.

Lyons's wife and children were in court and he asked for another chance. Judge O'Sullivan reminded him, in suspending sentence, that if he got in trouble again within a quarter of a century he could be brought back to court. Four convictions against McCarthy weighed the balance against him when he pleaded guilty to attempted burglary in the first degree.

Lyons promised sincerely never to touch rum again and made a tearful exit along to his family.

## MRS. VAUGHN TO BE ARRESTED

WARRANT ISSUED FOR WIDOW OF POISONED PROFESSOR.

Grand Jury Returns Two Indictments, Supposed to Be Against Widow and Dr. Hull, Who Was Arrested Thursday—Mrs. Vaughn in Kirtville Laughing.

KIRTSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 25.—Two indictments were handed to Judge Shelton this afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Adair county special Grand Jury that has been investigating the death of Prof. J. T. Vaughn.

Prosecuting Attorney Reiger to-night gave a warrant for Mrs. Alma Vaughn's arrest to a deputy sheriff. It will be served to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Vaughn, accompanied by her brother, David M. Proctor of Kansas City, and her uncle, J. S. Scott, Mayor of Monroe City, arrived from that place at 8:10 this evening.

A great crowd of curious people was at the station, but was disappointed, for Mrs. Vaughn and her party left the train three blocks from the station and entered a taxicab that had been provided by Attorneys Higbee and Mills of Kirtville. The party went to the office of the attorneys.

Mrs. Vaughn appeared in high spirits and had a smile for friends who spoke to her. In the attorneys' office she was greeted by Mrs. W. H. Clark, an intimate friend. The two women embraced and kissed and tears were in the eyes of both.

Mrs. Vaughn's reason for coming to Kirtville was to be on hand should any charge be made against her. Prosecuting Attorney Reiger said that she had promised to appear before Judge Shelton before noon to-morrow to accept service if any charge is made against her.

Asked to-day if he had ever written letters to any woman in Kirtville, Dr. Hull, who is charged with the murder of Prof. Vaughn, replied that he had no recollection of such action. "I refuse to either deny or affirm," he said, when asked if he had met a woman in Quincy in recent months. "The truth will come out," he declared.

One of Mrs. Vaughn's attorneys said to-day that he would stake his life on his ability to disprove the reports that she had ever met Dr. Hull at Quincy or that her relations with him had been more intimate than that of a young woman toward a trusted family physician.

Now that a Circuit Court trial is assured it can be safely predicted that character witnesses will be prominent features of both the prosecution and defense and that social matters in Kirtville will play a prominent part.

Mrs. Vaughn laughed to-day when reminded of Prof. Vaughn's distress one day, when over her protest he had given something to her daughter Winifred that brought on a serious choking spell. "Yes," she said, "I remember his telling her that if she had died he would have committed suicide."

Mrs. Vaughn laughed when asked what sort of a girl Miss Elsie Kirk, who testified before the Grand Jury, was. "Oh, I have nothing to say against Elsie," she replied. "She is a very capable girl and has some excellent qualities, and, besides, she is a mighty good cook."

## DR. ELIOT ON THE STAGE CHILD.

Opposes Francis Wilson's Effort to Have Massachusetts Child Labor Law Changed.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Francis Wilson, the actor, and ex-President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University hold divergent opinions on the matter of the stage child.

The former declared to-day before the Executive Committee on Judiciary that the Massachusetts law which bans children under 14 years from the stage was unjust to the public and to the child.

Ex-President Eliot declared that the mere asking to have the law changed was an injustice to the actor.

"It shows a small appreciation of the actor's ability to make up. We have all seen women well on the way to 60 years of age take the part—let us say—of Juliet," said Mr. Eliot.

The hearing brought out a host of actors and actresses. Dr. Eliot declared that there was no excuse for seeking the change in the law and that while he favored everything that had been said by the representatives of the stage so far as the excellence of the training they get was concerned, he did not believe that the child labor law should be weakened in favor of the theatrical managers.

"I have advocated for many years," he said, "the adoption of the public schools of just the training the men and women have spoken of to-day. I believe in it absolutely, but not before the age of 14 years. It is a well known fact, and it is a fact, that well established practice in sensible families, that children of 8, 9 and 10 years of age should be in bed at 7:30 o'clock in the evening."

He gave it his opinion that the child's training for the serious work of life should not begin until after the age of 14 years, and especially the gifted child, for it is he or she who needs nurture, who should be trained for bodily, mentally and morally.

## SMALL RIOTS IN BETHLEHEM.

Strikers Smash Dinner Pails and Trolley Windows—Steel Plant Closed.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 25.—The first serious disturbance since the strike at the Bethlehem Steel Works began took place early this morning when 1,000 strikers, mostly foreigners, stationed themselves at the gates of the plant and by force prevented men from going to work.

As a result the plant is tied up, and orders have been issued to shut down all departments but the blast furnaces until the authorities are able to protect the employees.

Chief Kelly and the entire police force were on hand early this morning, but were unable to handle the mob. Patrolman O'Donnell was struck in the back with a brick. He fired a shot from his revolver, but it struck no one. Aside from smashing dinner pails and windows in trolley cars no property damage was done.

General Manager Grace, who went to the works early on account of the disturbance, was knocked down by foreigners and badly kicked while entering the office.

This evening the steel company police and workmen who they protected were being shot at by a mob. British fired two shots, but did no damage.

Chief Burgess Dierst has called on Sheriff Pearson for aid and a squad of State Constabulary is expected before morning.

## MRS. DAY GETS DIVORCE.

Husband, Charged With Drunkenness and Non-Support, Makes No Defence.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 25.—After a hearing to-day before Judge Orr of the suit for divorce of Mrs. Hazel Turner Day, daughter of Charles L. Turner of Malone, N. Y., against her husband, Claude F. Day of New York, during which Mrs. Day's father was a witness, Mrs. Day got a decree and the custody of her only child, a five-year-old girl, whom the father may see at reasonable times.

No alimony was asked. The husband did not contest the suit.

Mrs. Day alleged drunkenness and non-support.

## P. R. R. CONTROLS N. &amp; W.

Said to Have Gled \$1 Per Cent. of Stock to Comply With Proposed New Law.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—The Pennsylvania Railroad is now said to hold a majority of the \$90,000,000 capital stock of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

By getting control of the Norfolk and Western, in which property it has had a large interest for ten years, the Pennsylvania is the first railroad to get within the restrictions imposed by the bill now before Congress.

After the President recommended railroad legislation, shortly after the present Congress met, the Pennsylvania, it is said, went into the market and bought enough Norfolk and Western stock to bring its holdings up to 51 per cent.

The Norfolk and Western Railway virtually becomes a part of the Pennsylvania system.

## ACCIDENT TO CALVE.

Bruises From Auto Mishap Keep Her From Singing in Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Mme. Calvé is invalided at Montpelier, the result of an automobile accident. She was engaged to sing here on February 28, but she has telegraphed that she will be unable to sing or to come to Paris owing to her mishap.

The despatch adds: "It is nothing serious, but bruises necessitate rest."

## MAYOR FINED FOR CONTEMPT.

Gonzales of Hoboken Will Take the Case to the Supreme Court.

MAYOR GEORGE GONZALES of Hoboken was adjudged guilty of contempt of court by County Judge John A. Blair in Jersey City yesterday afternoon for refusing to give testimony before the Grand Jury in the case against former Building Inspector Frederick Steigler of Hoboken last Friday and for bluntness telling the jury that he had heard they intended to whitewash the case.

The Mayor was fined \$100, and he at once filed an appeal to the Supreme Court. His lawyers claim that the proceedings were not legal and that the State should have prosecuted him for perjury if it could be proved that he was not telling the truth.

Gonzales denied in his own defence that he had any intention to condemn the authority of the Grand Jury. He said he was treated by the jurors like a defendant and not as a witness.

## HATPIN THROUGH HIS EAR.

Sudden Turn of Woman's Head on Car Transfixed Conductor's Left Lobe.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 25.—Albert Putnam, a conductor on the Springfield Street Railway, is suffering from a peculiar injury inflicted with a woman's hatpin.

While he was collecting fares in a crowded car to-day something attracted the attention of a woman passenger standing in the aisle clinging to a strap.

She turned her head quickly and drove the point of an 18 inch pin which she wore in her hat into the lobe of the conductor's left ear. The conductor, with his car transfixed on the hatpin, held with pain, but with the aid of the embarrassed woman the pin was removed. The wound was cauterized later by a physician.

## GOMPERS SEES WICKERSHAM.

They Will Confer Over the Proposed Presentation of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Samuel Gompers said to-night after a conference with Attorney-General Wickersham that the